

and Transportation Officials, and the American Traffic Safety Services Association. Although work zone fatalities have declined nationally by over 30 percent since 1996, 720 people lost their lives in 2008 alone. We can do better.

National Work Zone Awareness Week encourages drivers to pay close attention to their surroundings such as putting down their mobile phones and other devices while proceeding through work zones. With increased awareness, we can continue aiming to make our roads safer for both workers and drivers, but also work toward further decreasing the number of work zone fatalities. According to research from the Illinois Institute of Technology, highway work zone fatalities have actually increased from 2007 to 2008 for both highway workers and vehicle travelers. Its research also shows that Illinois highway worker fatalities have actually stayed consistent over the last 15 years. We need to urge the American people to continue striving to reduce this fatality rate. This is an ambitious goal, but with 7,000 work zone crashes per year in my home State, 29 leading to death, National Work Zone Awareness Week is something we should all support.

In addition, as a Member serving on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and Labor Committee, I would also like to recognize my two committee chairmen, Representatives JIM OBERSTAR and GEORGE MILLER, for their constant vigilance on making workplace safety a top priority of each respective Committee. Madam Speaker, we should all be reminded that driving safely doesn't stop just because you slow down through a highway construction zone, but rather it encompasses all factors that allow motorists to pay close attention to the road while also allowing road workers to improve our infrastructure. These workers should not have to worry about whether or not they're going to make it through the day unscathed.

Again, I would like to offer my recognition for National Work Zone Awareness Week. I thank the Speaker and urge all of my colleagues to join in recognizing this important campaign.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation.

The foundation was formed in 1990 when actors Tim and Daphne Reid formed the Tim Reid Scholarship Foundation. It has since helped many at-risk high school students in Hampton Roads, Virginia go to college.

Education has always been society's great equalizer, and a college education is necessary today to ensure that youth reach their highest potential. The Foundation's mission and motto of "Universal Understanding Through Education" clearly reflects this.

Financing a college education becomes more and more difficult each year. Tim and Daphne Reid have committed themselves to making this less of an obstacle for many families in Hampton Roads, Virginia. They are devoted to the belief that talented individuals should not be denied the opportunity to cultivate their minds and have the opportunity to create a better future for themselves, their families, their community and the world.

For 20 years, Tim and Daphne have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this scholarship. One of their most successful fundraisers is the annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend. Tim and Daphne invite many of their friends to come to Hampton Roads to participate in a weekend of events. The Celebrity Weekend attracts over 5,000 people annually. Actors, musicians, comedians, and dignitaries are invited to donate their time to participate in 3 days of activities to raise funds for the Foundation. Past celebrity guests have included Will Smith, Kyla Pratt, Kelly Williams, Lark Voorhies, Percy Daggs, Marcus Paulk, Angela Bassett, Victoria Rowell, Alfonso Ribeiro, the O'Jays, Clifton Davis, Richard Roundtree, Tia and Tamera Mowry, Tatyana Ali, Blair Underwood, and many others. Next week, the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation will host its 20th Annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend in Hampton Roads, which I am sure will be another huge success.

Because of the efforts of Tim and Daphne Reid, there are currently twenty-four students attending eleven different colleges and universities with the support of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation. Many of these young people are the first in their families to obtain a college education.

I congratulate the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation on twenty successful years and, I commend Tim and Daphne Reid for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Foundation and students in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their willingness to invest in our state and our students is a model of personal and corporate responsibility that I hope many will replicate across our great nation. Under the leadership of Tim and Daphne Reid, I am sure the Foundation will have many more years of success.

JANAE TRUJILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Janae Trujillo who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Janae Trujillo is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Janae Trujillo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Janae Trujillo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth

award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAM HOUSTON

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize Sam Houston's contributions to Texas and our Nation. Sam Houston was a statesman, military leader, and politician who made remarkable contributions to Texas and our Nation. His achievements include representing both Tennessee and Texas in the U.S. Congress; defeating Mexican President Santa Anna to secure Texas' long sought independence; and being named the first President of the Republic of Texas for two terms. Additionally, he was the only person in U.S. History to have been the governor of two different states, Texas and Tennessee.

The State of Texas has recognized Sam Houston's achievements with the naming of the City of Houston. His is also remembered by a memorial museum, a U.S. Army Base, a national forest, a historical park, a university and the largest free-standing statue of an American figure.

The patriotic spirit of Sam Houston is carried by every Texan, and is especially seen in his great grandson, Sam Houston the 4th. I am proud to say this gentleman is my constituent. I have seen Sam Houston 4th every year at Texas Day of Independence celebration and feel that his vote is the best endorsement I have ever had.

Please join me in acknowledging Sam Houston's accomplishments with this resolution.

BLACK APRIL COMMEMORATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. And I am here today to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, American veterans, and our South Vietnamese allies, who fought and died in the name of freedom and democracy. For the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of representing one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the United States. I have listened to their amazing stories and worked with them to advocate for freedom and human rights in Vietnam.

During my 14 years in Congress, I have seen first-hand the passion of the Vietnamese-American community and their unwavering determination not only to succeed as a Vietnamese-American but also bring freedom to the people of Vietnam. My colleagues and I honor all those who fought for democracy and freedom in Vietnam and urge the Vietnamese-American communities to continue their fight against the continued persecution and injustice in Vietnam.